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## BIGGER BUDGET REPORTED TO SENATE; HALF AND HALF PRINCIPLE UPHELD

### TOLLS REPEAL AND MEXICAN PROBLEM PUT UP TO CABINET

President Asks His Official  
Family to Assist in Battle  
For Repeal by Congress of  
Exemptions Clause.

President Wilson rallied the members of his Cabinet around him today for advice and assistance in the fight over the repeal of the tolls exemptions provision in the Panama canal act, and in stemming the flood of oratory on the Mexican situation which is expected tomorrow when Senator Fall speaks on the question.

The tolls controversy and the Mexican problem are intimately related. The President regards the repeal of the tolls provision as essential to the continued assistance of Great Britain in the Mexican question, and, facing the problem of having soon to take some definite action regarding Mexico, he is bending every effort to get the repeal.

No time is to be wasted, as shown by the fact that, at the President's request, the House Interstate Commerce Committee met today to consider the Adams bill, providing for a repeal of the tolls exemption clause.

Confers With Shively.  
Before the Cabinet met Secretary of State Bryan had a long conference with Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Secretary is understood to have laid before the acting chairman all the facts in the possession of the department concerning the Benton and bauch cases, and to have explained to him that, from the administrative standpoint, it would be unwise at this time to make public all the facts surrounding the alleged outrages against Americans and foreigners in Mexico.

The Secretary told the Senator that he had been informed this morning by George H. Carleton, special agent of the department, who is with Garza at Nogales, that the latter's commission of investigation would not only be a disclosure of the circumstances surrounding the Benton killing, but would investigate the disappearance and alleged murder of Beards.

Regarding the Anglo-American commission, which was to have made the Benton investigation, the Secretary said that nothing had yet been decided as to whether its trip to Chihuahua would be abandoned.

Interest In Report.

Much interest was occasioned in Administration circles in the report from Mexico City, printed in the noon Times to the effect that Huerta was preparing to turn over the provisional presidency of Mexico to General José de Porfirio y Rojas, whom he has selected as his successor. It was stated that Huerta would take the oath of office at the White House and by Mr. Bryan that no official reports of this statement had been received in Washington. The Secretary of State declared, however, that Charles O'Shaughnessy had advised him of the intention of Huerta to name a new minister of foreign affairs.

He declined to comment on how the United States would regard a proposition involving the turning over of the provisional presidency to Rojas.

Mr. Bryan said today he was not informed of the general exodus of foreign diplomats from Mexico City. He insisted that no concerted action by European powers could be deduced from the fact that the representatives of three or four powers were absent simultaneously.

The transport Pacific, with more than 500 marines, sailed for Vera Cruz from Pensacola today. It is said that the marines in Mexico City may be drawn from the ranks of the marines, it was stated unofficially.

The battleship Delaware today left Vera Cruz for Hampton Roads to take part in "maneuvers" in Chesapeake bay. No ships will replace the Delaware for some time, Secretary Danahy said, as none are immediately available.

Says Intervention Will  
Arouse South America

NEW YORK, March 6.—That 90 per cent of the people in Mexico do not want intervention, and would prefer a solid front against American imperialism, was the declaration of John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, in an address before the Baptist Social Union here.

Barrett also declared that intervention would earn for Uncle Sam the lasting hatred and distrust of 60,000,000 South Americans.

### Throngs Jam Pier To Greet Returning Baseball Tourists

Organized Baseball Heads Block Attempts of Federal League Magnates to Get Incoming Players in Clutches—Oral Contracts Made While Liner Steams Into Quarantine.

By HAL SHERIDAN.

NEW YORK, March 6.—They're here! While thousands of people jammed the pier of the Cunard Line in North river, cheering themselves hoarse, waving flags, banners, and handkerchiefs, the liner Lusitania was warped into her dock at 10:35 today, bringing the world-tourist Giants and White Sox back home.

Organized baseball was in full possession of the Lusitania. The Federal Leaguers were unable to get a boat, and being unable to obtain cutter passes, had to be content with waiting on the pier. Ban Johnson, President Lannin, of Boston, and President Baker, of Philadelphia, acted as a rounding up committee on board the Lusitania as soon as the liner was boarded at quarantine.

HAD RESORTED TO WIRELESS.

The Federals, however, had resorted to the wireless, and Tris Speaker, star outfielder of the Red Sox, had a Marconi gram from President Gilmore and the Federal League officials, asking Speaker to "tell all the boys the Federal League magnates would be waiting at the Knickerbocker Hotel, ready to do business."

The first player greeted by the waiting officials of organized baseball at the dock was Speaker. Then they talked with Mike Doolan, of the Phillies; Ivy Wingo, of the Cardinals, and Sam Crawford, of Detroit.

Later President Lannin, of Boston, said: "I have Speaker's word that he will not sign with the Feds. That is enough for me. I would not be surprised if he signed a contract to play with Boston before night."

President Lannin added that every one of them would be sure to get a word from him absolutely confident after he had talked with the boys that every one of them will remain in organized baseball.

The players themselves took the attitude that they knew little about the Federal League and did not care to discuss what they might do.

Says Money Talks.  
Sam Crawford said, "Money talks."

All denied, however, having received offers from the Federal League.

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go rosters, who came here to greet the White Sox, secured the Lusitania up the bay. While the band on the Niagara, crashed out lively airs, Chicago fans flanked their lives to lean far out over the rail in an effort to shriek out words of greeting to Comiskey and Calahan and members of the teams who appeared on deck.

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Sound Welcome.  
There was some delay taking the baseball moguls and newspaper men aboard the liner at quarantine. The boats of the American League and the Federals had been intended to be in a speech in the morning, delivered by the cutter and looking upward, delivered the first welcome to the returning tourists.

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### PROUTY TO ASK THAT EXPERTS PLAN CHARTER FOR DISTRICT

Iowa Congressman Ready to  
Introduce Resolution For a  
Complete Study of Fiscal  
Affairs Here.

Congressman S. F. Prouty, of Iowa, who has been leading the fight to abolish the half-and-half plan of assessment and taxation, soon will introduce a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the relations between the District and the Federal Treasury and to recommend to Congress the provisions of a new charter for the District which shall provide for local self-government.

This was announced by Judge Prouty today. He has come to the conclusion that the proper way to deal with the local situation is to have a comprehensive investigation made, similar to the one of 1897. At the same time, he proposes that the new charter shall give the right to the District to have a delegate in Congress.

Must Evolve Plan.  
The proposed commission will have the duty of evolving a complete plan to adjust the mooted question of the relations of the District to the Federal Government in a fiscal way, this question being settled on some equitable basis. Judge Prouty proposes that the commission shall report to Congress by the beginning of next session.

While Judge Prouty has not changed his opinion that the District should be self-sustaining, he says that local self-government should go with it as a corollary, and that it is unjust to wipe out the half-and-half principle and make the District pay the expense of its government, unless it is at the same time given into the hands of the people of the District to say how the money shall be spent.

"I realize that self-government must be the way the winning out of the half-and-half plan and the adoption of a policy of having the District bear the cost of its government," said Judge Prouty.

His Work Educational.  
"Taxation without representation cannot be defended. Much of the work I have done in the matter of taxation in the District has been intended to be educational and to direct attention to the need of reforms here. I believe the existing system intolerable, that the people of the District should be given the right of self-government, that the District should sustain itself, and that it should have a delegate in Congress. And I believe a new charter, which will be up to date in all respects, should be brought out."

Mann Tells House He  
Is Not Afraid of War

London dispatches today regarding President Wilson's ultimatum for repeal of the Panama canal act were taken up by Congressman Mann today declared in a speech in the House, indicate the necessity for the President's statement.

He said that if the repeal is not made, the United States will be in a position to deal with other matters of even greater urgency and water consequence.

After reading that, I can appreciate the significance of the last remarks of the President in his message calling for protection of this government from war with Japan and on this Government to act at the behest of Europe.

"I do not care, but I am not afraid of war with Japan or anyone else, and I would not yield what I believe to be right through fear, whatever else I might do."

Republicans loudly applauded Mann's statement.

Hearings on Delivery  
Are Set For March 23

Hearings on the complaints filed by O. J. DeMott & Co., and DeWitt, the "dealer" of Commerce, the R. and D. Co., and the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company, will be held at the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus.

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Mr. Webb declared to day that no indictment has yet been returned in Washington against his client. Her arrest, he said, was made on an affidavit made by Mr. Ripley.

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### Clerks Get Assurance of Pension Support



From Left to Right—GEORGE J. KLEFFNER, Member Executive Committee; L. E. SWARTZ, Treasurer; JOHN E. BROOKS, Chairman Auditing Committee, Who Are Earnest Workers At the Convention of the National Association of Civil Service Employees.

### GREAT FALLS RATES NOT UNREASONABLE

I. C. C. Finds Against the Com-  
plainants in the Matter of  
W. & O. D. Rwy. Co.

Passenger rates, and charges made by the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company on its Great Falls division are not unjust or unreasonable, according to the findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission in its decision of the complaint of S. T. J. Price and other residents of Alexandria and Fairfax counties attacking rates to Washington.

The commission found that: "The one-way, round-trip, 46-trip, and 52-trip monthly commutation fares are not unreasonable."

It suggested: "Certain changes in the family commutation books or tickets, and forty-six-trip monthly commutation fares."

The commission admits in its findings that the last readjustment of fares on the railway was in effect an increase. It finds, however, that there is nothing unreasonable or in violation of the interstate commerce act in the one-way and round-trip fares, or the fifty-two-trip commutation tickets, and says: "We are of opinion that defendant has justified the increases."

The commission adds that the twenty-five-trip family tickets are badly adjusted and suggests a readjustment.

With J. Lambert appearing as counsel for the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company; John B. Doherty and J. Raymond Hoover for the complainants, and R. Ross Perry, Jr., a G. Thomas Dunlop as counsel for the Central Traction Company, one of the defendants.

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### Congressman Hamill Addresses Convention of Government Employees Here.

The majority in the House of Representatives is in favor of the measure providing a civil service retirement pension without reduction from salaries, according to a statement to more than 200 delegates to the second annual convention of the National Association of Civil Service Employees, by Congressman James A. Hamill of New Jersey, at the opening session in the old Masonic Temple this morning.

The only step necessary to obtain the enactment of his bill, Mr. Hamill declared, is to have it favorably reported from the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service. Once it reaches the floor of the House, he said, there would be votes enough to insure its passage.

Letter Campaign Urged.  
To obtain the proposed report, Congressman Donohoe of Pennsylvania urged the delegates to begin a letter campaign. He suggested that they enlist civil service employees throughout the country, together with their friends, and have each direct to his Congressman and Senators a communication demanding action upon the Hamill measure.

This is one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Government employees that has ever assembled in the National Capital.

The delegates represent, according to the report of the credentials committee, approximately 15,000 officers and employees of the civil service embraced in the several branches of the Federal Government.

Despite the need for co-operation among all civil service employees, as urged by the speakers of the morning, the presence of the old animosity that has existed for several years between the National Association of Civil Service Employees and the United States Civil Service Retirement Association, a rival organization, was manifest.

A proposal put forth by several of the delegates to grant the right to any Government employee who could be affected or benefited by pension legislation was promptly rejected.

"We will not be troubled with opposition," declared A. W. McKee, the president. "Last year we opened our doors in the manner proposed, and we have passed through that period of transition. I no longer recognize the opposition."

Mr. McKee, an employee of the New York City postoffice, as the president called the convention to order. The Rev. George F. Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, pronounced the invocation.

Siddons Welcomes Delegates  
Commissioner Frederick L. Siddons welcomed the visitors and urged moderation in the deliberations of the convention. He expressed regret that there should be a difference of opinion among the persons who would be affected by a pension system, and declared that the civil service never will attain its greatest efficiency until a pension feature has been incorporated.

William E. Gude, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared the support of the business men of Washington to the efforts of the Government employees in their struggle for recognition. Congressman J. Washington Lodge of Pennsylvania also made a brief address.

### "AD" ERRORS NOT TO AFFECT TAX SALE

Syme Rules That Penalties as  
Provided by Law Are To Be  
Enforced.

To avoid the sale of their property for non-payment of taxes, property owners, against whom special assessments have been levied on account of water main, sewer, and other improvements, were advised today by C. C. Rogers, Collector of Taxes, to ascertain if their names are included in the delinquent tax sale list. The annual tax sale begins in the office of the Collector of Taxes March 10 and continues until March 15. The property may be secured by the payment of the tax assessment before the first day of the sale.

Collector Rogers made public today an opinion of Corporation Counsel Syme governing the tax sale. In answer to the question as to whether an advertisement of property arrears for a general tax and also for one installment of a special assessment, should include the special assessment not due, the Corporation Counsel holds that only the delinquent portion should be included in the advertisement.

Another question was "whether property should be advertised for sale that is not delinquent at the time of the advertisement. The third question is whether penalties should be canceled when a sale of property for general taxes has been set aside because of error in the advertisement, either of ownership or description."

Penalties are imposed by the law and are as much due as the tax itself," says the corporation counsel. "The Commissioners have no power to cancel either when properly imposed. An error in advertisement does not affect the validity of either the law or the penalty. I do not think the penalties should be remitted because of such an error."

"The last question was: 'When, if at all, does the statute of limitations run against the collection of taxes?' Replying, Mr. Syme says, 'Written on the subject of taxation laws that taxes are not subject to the bar of the statute of limitations. This office has consistently maintained this position, which should be maintained until compelled by some court of last resort.'

Fund For New High School.  
The salaries of the Commissioners are increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The bill does not include any provision for a public market, which was one of the recommendations made by the Commissioners.

The committee added a total of \$28,500 to the bill for the public schools. Of this \$150,000 is for a site for an Eastern High School, to be located east of Tenth street and north of D street northeast.

The merger of the Washington Gas Light Company and the Georgetown Gas Light Company is authorized.

Free Education Extended.  
An important provision put into the bill requires that hereafter all pupils whose parents are employed officially or otherwise in the District shall be admitted and taught free of charge in the schools.

The House provision restricting application and subscription of funds in the public schools is eliminated.

The bill adds \$25,000 for construction buildings for a fish market on the Potomac water front, on the site designated as a municipal fish wharf last year. For wharves for the fish market, \$50,000 is added to the bill.

In order to allow the eight-hour law to be carried out, \$3,000 is added to the bill.

Met at noon.  
District appropriation bill reported by Appropriations Committee.

Met at 1 o'clock.  
Debate on agricultural bill resumed. Debate on Panama free tolls voted by Interstate Commerce Committee.

Trust hearings continued.  
Race segregation bill, applying to Government departments, considered by Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

### SECTION EIGHT AND BORLAND AMENDMENT BOTH KILLED

Present Plan of Financing District is Maintained in Every Particular by Senate Subcommittee.

Over \$1,700,000 Is Added to the Appropriations, Making the Total of the Budget \$13,145,756.

By JOHN SNURE.

Striking out section 8 of the House bill, which was hostile to the half-and-half principle; eliminating the Borland amendment calculated to saddle the most of paving on the residents of the District; and increasing the total of appropriations to the extent of \$1,700,000, making the aggregate \$13,145,756, the Senate Committee on Appropriations today ordered the District appropriations measure reported to the Senate.

Senator John Walter Smith, chairman of the committee, which had charge of the bill, made the report, and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration at an early date.

Half-and-Half Upheld.  
In every respect, the Senate committee preserved the half-and-half principle. It has been believed from the beginning that it would do so. The disposition of Senators generally has been to refuse to permit any violation of the half-and-half covenant with the District, or, at least, to permit no departure from it unless there has been full and complete investigation and comprehensive legislation in a distinct bill.

The action of the committee today unquestionably will give re-assurance to thousands of owners of homes in the District who have feared the outcome of the movement in the House District Committee to strike down the half-and-half policy.

As reported to the Senate, the bill is noteworthy not only in respect to its preservation of the half-and-half law, but in the fact that the treatment shown the District is liberal in many respects.

Big Sum For Schools.  
Large sums have been added for schools, for a fish market, for improvements and repairs to streets and bridges, to investigate sewage disposal, and other purposes.

The committee recommends \$300,000 for a municipal hospital on the site now owned by the District at Fourteenth and Tenth streets, and \$250,000 toward the construction of a new building for the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital.

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